

**Article - Health - General**

1-101.

- (a) In this article the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (c) "Department" means the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- (j) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

10-101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) "Administration" means the Mental Hygiene Administration.

**SUBTITLE 14. MARYLAND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM.**

10-1401.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "CORE SERVICE AGENCY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 10-1201 OF THIS TITLE.

(C) "CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM" MEANS THE MARYLAND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM.

10-1402.

(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM IN THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION.

(B) THE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM SHALL:

(1) OPERATE A STATEWIDE NETWORK UTILIZING EXISTING RESOURCES AND COORDINATING INTERJURISDICTIONAL SERVICES TO DEVELOP EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEMS TO SERVE ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE, 24 HOURS A DAY AND 7 DAYS A WEEK;

(2) PROVIDE SKILLED CLINICAL INTERVENTION TO HELP PREVENT SUICIDES, HOMICIDES, UNNECESSARY HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND ARRESTS OR DETENTION, AND TO REDUCE DANGEROUS OR THREATENING SITUATIONS INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS IN NEED OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES; AND

(3) RESPOND QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO COMMUNITY CRISIS SITUATIONS.

(C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT WITH CONSUMERS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, FAMILY MEMBERS, AND MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM.

10-1403.

(A) THE CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM SHALL INCLUDE: